

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend the claims as follows:

1. (Currently Amended) A method of operating ~~in a multimode terminal for use in network device which is a component of a multimode communication system supporting various modes using different radio access technologies and which is operable to serve a multimode terminal in a first mode~~, the method comprising:

~~receiving~~ sending service request signalling to a network device operating in a first mode ~~from the multimode terminal for requesting a service in at least one of various modes supported by the multimode terminal, said service being unsupported by the network device or by the multimode terminal in the first mode, and~~

~~handing over the multimode terminal to another network device supporting a second mode and the requested service in order to establish the service in the second mode for the multimode terminal to receive the requested service from the other network device in the second~~

~~mode~~ receiving the requested service from another network device supporting a second mode as a result of a handover from the network device to the other network device, the requested service being supported by the multimode terminal in the second mode.

2. (CANCELLED)

3. (Currently Amended) A method according to claim 1, further comprising ~~receiving~~ using service request signalling messages that as such are used for services supported in the first mode, wherein one or more service request parameters in said messages indicate that a specific service is unsupported by the network device or multimode terminal in the first mode and that the specific service is supported by the other network device operating in the second mode.

4. (Previously Presented) A method according to claim 1, wherein the service request signalling is triggered by a multimode terminal originated service establishment request.

5. (Currently Amended) A method according to claim 1, wherein the service request signalling is triggered by a ~~network~~ system originated service establishment request.

6. (Currently Amended) A method of operating a multimode terminal device for use in a multimode communication system, the method comprising:
sending service request signalling to a network device operating in a first mode, for requesting a service in at least one of the various modes supported by the multimode terminal device, said service being unsupported by the network device or by the multimode terminal device in the first mode, and
receiving a ~~handover command to handover to~~ the requested service from another network device supporting a second mode ~~and the requested service as a result of a handover from the network device to the other network device~~, the requested service being supported by the multimode terminal in the second mode.

7. (CANCELLED)

8. (Currently Amended) A method according to claim 6, further comprising using service request signalling messages that as such are used for services supported for the first mode, wherein one or more service request parameters in said messages indicate that a specific service is unsupported by the network device ~~or~~ and multimode terminal in the first mode and that the specific service is supported by the other network device operating in the second mode.

9. (Currently Amended) A method according to claim 6, further comprising using service request signalling that is ~~not known~~ unsupported by the network device operating in the first mode for ~~forwarding~~ being forwarded in a transparent container, to the other network device for allowing the other network device to decode the service request signalling and to initiate a service based handover towards the other network device.

10. (Previously Presented) A method according to claim 6, wherein the service request signalling

is triggered by a multimode terminal originated service establishment request.

11. (Previously Presented) A method according to claim 6, wherein the service request signalling is triggered by a system originated service establishment request.

12. (Currently Amended) A ~~Multimode~~multimode terminal, comprising:
a transmitter for sending service request signalling to a network device of a multimode communication system operating in a first mode, for requesting a service in at least one of the various modes supported by the multimode terminal, said service being unsupported ~~by the network device or~~ by the multimode terminal in the first mode, and
a receiver for receiving ~~a handover command to handover the requested service from~~ another network device supporting a second mode and the requested service as a result of a handover from the network device to the other network device, the requested service being supported by the multimode terminal in the second mode.

13. (CANCELLED)

14. (Currently Amended) A multimode terminal according to claim 12, where the multimode terminal is configured to use service request signalling messages that as such are used for services supported in the first mode, said messages comprising one or more service request parameters indicating that a specific service is unsupported by the multimode terminal ~~or~~ and network device in the first mode and that the specific service is supported by the other network device operating in the second mode.

15. (Currently Amended) A network device operable to serve a multimode terminal in a first mode, comprising:
a receiver for receiving the first mode service request signalling from the multimode terminal for requesting a service in at least one of the various modes supported by the multimode terminal,

said service being unsupported ~~by the network device or~~ by the multimode terminal in the first mode, and
a handover module for handing over the multimode terminal to another network device supporting a second mode ~~and the requested service,~~ when it is decided that the requested service ~~being~~ is supported by the multimode terminal in the second mode.

16. (CANCELLED)

17. (Currently Amended) A network device according to claim 15, where the network device is configured to ~~receive~~ service request signalling messages that as such are used for services supported in the first mode, said messages comprising one or more service request parameters indicating that a specific service ~~that is unsupported by the network device or~~ and multimode ~~terminal~~ terminal in the first mode and that the specific service is supported by the other network device operating in the second mode.

18. (Currently Amended) A method for providing a service in a multimode communication system supporting at least a first mode and a second mode using different radio access technologies, the method comprising:

~~signaling in the first mode with a multimode terminal supporting at least the first mode and the second mode;~~

receiving a service request for a service in the first mode from a multimode terminal supporting at least the first mode and the second mode;

~~verifying deciding, based on terminal capability information, whether the multimode terminal supports the service in one of~~ the service request, whether the requested service is supported by the multimode communication system the first mode and the second mode; and

~~deciding to move~~ switching the multimode terminal to the second mode ~~when the step of verifying shows it is decided that the requested service is not supported by the multimode terminal in the first mode and is supported by the multimode terminal and the multimode communication system~~ in the second mode.

19. (Currently Amended) A method according to claim 18, ~~wherein the step of receiving comprises~~ further comprising receiving the service request from the multimode terminal using service request parameters that exceed capabilities of the multimode terminal in the first mode.

20. (Currently Amended) A multimode communication system supporting at least a first mode and a second mode using different radio access technologies, the system configured to:

~~signal in the first mode with a multimode terminal supporting at least the first mode and the second mode;~~

receive a service request for a service in the first mode from a multimode terminal supporting at least the first mode and the second mode;

~~verify~~ decide, based on ~~terminal capability information, whether the multimode terminal supports the service in one of the service request, whether the requested service is supported by the multimode communication system in the first mode and the second mode; and~~

~~decide to move~~ switching the multimode terminal to the second mode when ~~the step of verifying shows it is decided~~ that the requested service is not supported by the multimode terminal in the first mode and is supported by the multimode terminal and the multimode communication system in the second mode.

21. (Currently Amended) A method for receiving a service in a multimode communication system supporting at least a first mode and a second mode using different radio access technologies by a multimode terminal supporting at least the first mode and the second mode, the method comprising:

sending a service request for a service to the multimode communication system in the first mode, wherein the ~~service request comprises service request parameters that exceed capabilities of the~~ requested service is unsupported by the multimode terminal in the first mode;

allowing to move the multimode terminal to the second mode when the multimode communication system finds the service is not supported by the multimode terminal in the first mode and is supported by the multimode terminal in the second mode.

22. (Currently Amended) A multimode terminal supporting at least a first mode and a second mode using different radio access technologies, the terminal configured to receive a service in a multimode communication system supporting at least the first mode and the second mode, the terminal further configured to:

send a service request for a service to the multimode communication system in the first mode, wherein ~~the service request comprises service request parameters that exceed capabilities of requested service is unsupported by~~ the multimode terminal in the first mode;

allow to move the multimode terminal to the second mode when the multimode communication system finds the service is not supported by the multimode terminal in the first mode and is supported by the multimode terminal in the second mode.